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Applicant's election of species 4 (heart-type fatty acid binding protein in the reply filed on December 23, 2008 is acknowledged. Because applicant did not distinctly and specifically point out the supposed errors in the restriction requirement, the election has been treated as an election without traverse (MPEP § 818.03(a)).

Upon further consideration of the amended independent claim 1, which currently recites the limitation of comparing the assayed marker results to a threshold amount, claim 1 and all dependent claims thereof are directed to an invention that is independent or distinct from the invention originally claimed for the following reasons: The originally claimed invention is directed to a method of analyzing a subject sample for a plurality of subject-derived markers, in which the assayed markers are not compared to a predetermined threshold amount, which is not required by the currently recited claims, which does require comparison to a predetermined threshold amount.

Since applicant has received an action on the merits for the originally presented invention, this invention has been constructively elected by original presentation for prosecution on the merits. Accordingly, claims 1, 3, 5, 7-9, 11, 13, 15, 17, and 39-46 have withdrawn from consideration as being directed to a non-elected invention. See 37 CFR 1.142(b) and MPEP § 821.03.

Currently all pending claims are withdrawn from consideration essentially for the reasons given above and no claim is under consideration.

Since the above-mentioned reply appears to be bona fide, applicant is given ONE MONTH, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the correction. Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in abandonment of the application. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.

ny inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to UNSU JUNG whose telephone number is (571)272-8506. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 9-5.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Mark Shibuya can be reached on 571-272-0806. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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